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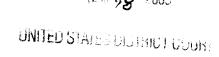
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The Honorable Marvin J. Garbis United States District Judge United States District Court for The District of Maryland 101 West Lombard Street Baltimore, MD 21201



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Dear Judge Garbis:

Re:

In response to the Court's Order dated January 15, 2003, to show cause why inactive case should not be dismissed, plaintiff's counsel states as follows:

Kronopol v. M/V META, etc., et al.

Civil Action No.: MJG-02-3033

The complaint in this case was filed on September 12, 2002, primarily due to the running of the one year statute of limitations under the U.S. Carriage of Goods by Sea Act. Subsequent to the filing of the complaint, plaintiff's New York counsel has been involved in extensive settlement discussions with defendants in this case.

While the parties have not reached a settlement, they are very close and hope that a settlement can be reached within the next 30 days.

In this regard, we would respectfully request that the Court allow plaintiff's counsel to provide a status report in 30 days or by February 28, 2003. We are hopeful that we will be able to advise the Court at that time that the case has been settled and that a settlement order can be entered.

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Thank you for your consideration of this request.

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